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600 Third Avenue New York N.Y. 10016 December 23, 1999

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of September 23, 1999 to the office action of September 23, 1999 to the case of th

amend this application as follows:

THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, lines 19 and 22; page 4, lines 4 and 8; page 5, line

2; page 6, line 17/, cancel "conjugated" and before "equine", insert/

--conjugated --

Page 4, line 10, before "equine", insert --conjugated /line 11, cancel "conjugated",

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all pending claims and add the following claims:

--21. A method of treating estrogenic deficiencies or osteoporosis and cardiovascal ar in lness in post-menopausal women or stopping ovulation in women during their period of ovarian activity comprising simultaneous y administering orally to said women, from 21 to 25 days per month, in combination an effective amount of